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CARNegie AND CLEVELAND.

The juggling which is going on between Cleveland's administration and Andrew Carnegie in the matter of defective armor plates is fast assuming the proportions of a national disgrace. The decision of Secretary Herbert to accept an entire lot of plate in which a portion had failed to withstand the prescribed test does not appear upon its face to be an excusable action. The reasons assigned that the plate which was cracked was below the average and the projectile which exposed the defect was superior to that used in ordinary service, can hardly be accepted by people who are paying the cost of constructing a navy as worthy of consideration. It is to say the least, highly improbable that the test would have been made with a superior projectile upon inferior plates. Mr. Carnegie is not the man to expose his blinshoe to any such experiment.

Following upon the heels of this remarkable decision on the part of the secretary of the navy, comes the report that Mr. Carnegie will commence an action to recover the sum of \$140,000, the amount of damages fixed for previous armor plate frauds. The ground for such action will be, it is stated, that the President has not the authority to fix these damages. It will be remembered that Secretary Herbert estimated the damages to the government by the armor plate fraud at more than double \$140,000, but the President was appealed to and fixed them at that figure. It will also be remembered that the investigation of these frauds was perfunctory in its nature, and was not gone into with anything like the thoroughness which their serious character demanded. Congress took the matter up and made some movement towards an investigation, but nothing has yet come of it, and it seems to be an open question whether the matter will not be smoothed over by the present session, and the apparent rotteness remain unprobed.

If the Carnegie company take the action outlined in the press dispatches the position of the President will indeed be unenviable. His course in interfering with the secretary of the navy and placing the damages at so much lower figure than that which had been estimated showed in itself an undue interest in the welfare of the company. Should it turn out that he had no right to take the action which he did, and the Carnegie company should then by escape even the slight penalty which he fixed for it, responsibility for the entire disgusting fiasco would rest upon his shoulders.

The desire of the people is to see the armor-plate frauds fully investigated, and the responsible parties punished as they deserve, but the probabilities are that the Cleveland administration will succeed in thwarting that desire. The whole affair up to date has a very sordid look.

In the Christmas edition of the Examiner, which was edited and managed by women, had its little peculiarities, he would be a churl who would mention them. Two things we may truthful say for the women: First, they make mighty good canvassers for business; and second, the paper they issued was undoubtedly as good as would have been issued by an equal number of men (college graduates or otherwise) who knew nothing about the business. About \$12,000 was received from advertisements and the sale of papers, and thereby the total fund for "Little Jim's Ward" will be swelled to about \$21,000. This is a great showing in a particularly good cause. Nor should the public fail to give much credit to Mr. Heart, who by his splendid generosity has made such a result attainable. Rarely has there been issued a single number of a paper more potent for good than the Christmas Examiner.

The statement that Mrs. M. H. de Young offered to pay for a whole page of advertising in the society ladies' edition of the Christmas Examiner, the entire contents of the page to be "The Chronicle has the largest circulation," is probably incorrect. In the first place it is not likely that the proposition was made, and if it had been it is highly improbable that it would have been declined, either by the ladies or the publisher of the Examiner. At any rate if any of the esteemed contemporaries of The Examiner desire a page of this paper in which to boom their circulation, the privilege will not be denied them.

The Stockton Mail's Christmas edition was very attractive. Its most unique feature was the editorials furnished by a number of well-known editors of the state, but on every one of its twenty-four handsomely illustrated pages was something to interest the reader. A page and a third of a newspaper man's reminiscences, by Colonel Henry G. Shaw, was especially interesting, and the poem, "Sierra and Yosemite," by Elwyn Irving Hoffman, was marked by the genius which is in this young writer. The Mail has a right to be proud of its Christmas number.

A TENNESSEE legislator has decided to walk to the state capital to demonstrate his independence of railroad influence. He can't have accomplished the same purpose by paving his face, but would have been less conspicuous as a fool.

With sugar cured ham selling at 11 cents a pound, it looks very much as though the American hog is another institution marked for sacrifice on the altar of hard times.

If the Tammany chiefs can only be induced to keep up their fight there will hereafter be a better show for the honest people of this country.

The Alameda Argus issued a profusely illustrated Christmas number of twelve pages. It was a very creditable production.

RANDOM REMARKS.

King Humbert of Italy, at a recent banquet of editors, said: "Gentlemen, if I were not a king I would wish to be a journalist." Humbert, old boy, it's a mistake if we were not journalists or lose journalists we would wish to be kings. Beautiful coincidence, Humbert! King's.

Talking about wet-weather signs," said Farmer Jaxon, "the squirrel sign may be good, or the tarantula sign, or the acorn sign, but I know a sign that beats them all."

"What's that?"

"The umbrella and overshoes sign. You leave them at home and it rains, sure, you wear them and the sun shines! Ever notice it?"

"Yes."

0, such an awful of football games! One game will make you crazy!

"Giggle right with the dropped pass!"

"Giggle right with the dropped ball!"

"And strike right with the dropped ball!"

"And give us wacky folks a rest."

For this our colleagues are ill:

"For the cold sun rays the bill!"

"And, Boley, are the season's done, son?"

"You're a shiner-clerk, son."

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Additional Local on Pages 1 and 4

SOUTHERN PACIFIC COMPANY

TRAINS LEAVE FRESNO AS FOLLOWS:
 10 A.M.—LOS ANGELES EXPRESS—Daily, for
 Santa Barbara, Los Angeles, San Bernardino,
 and San Joaquin.
 11 A.M.—EXTRA—Daily, for Colton, Mandeville,
 Newnan, San Francisco, Sacramento, Ogden,
 and Salt Lake City.
 12 A.M.—SUNSET LIMITED—Sunday only for
 Mandeville, Los Banos, Tracy, Atwater, Mariposa,
 Mono, Fresno, Visalia, and Bakersfield.
 12.30 P.M.—SUNSET LIMITED—Tuesday, Thursday,
 and Saturday for Marysville, and all way stations.
 1 P.M.—MIXED TRAIN—Daily, for Fowler,
 Bakersfield, Kingsburg, Coalinga Junction, connecting
 at Coalinga Junction with mixed train
 for Visalia, Marysville, Tulare, Bakersfield
 and all way stations.

10 A.M.—SUNSET EXPRESS (via Mariposa)
 12.30 P.M.—MIXED TRAIN—Daily, except Sun-
 day, for Fresno returning at 3.30 P.M.
 12.30 P.M.—FRESNO PASSENGER (via Livermore)
 Daily for Marysville, Lathrop, Stockton, and
 Sacramento, and all way stations.

4 P.M.—MIXED TRAIN—Daily, except Sunday
 for Bakersfield, Raymond and all way
 stations.

4.30 P.M.—SUNSET LIMITED—Thursdays only
 westbound train running through to New Or-
 leans.

3.30 P.M.—MIXED TRAIN—Daily, for Bakersfield,
 Modesto, Marysville, and Way stations.

3.30 P.M.—FRESNO PASSENGER (via Livermore)
 Daily for Marysville, Lathrop, Stockton, and
 Sacramento, and all way stations.

4.30 P.M.—MIXED TRAIN—Daily, except Sunday
 for Los Angeles, New Orleans and
 Mobile.

KID GEAR, GEAR, TRAILER MANAGER.

T. H. GOODMAN, Gen. Pass. Agent.

United States Department of Agriculture—
 Weather Bureau.

Fresno, December 28—Observation taken
 5 o'clock in the afternoon:

Barometer..... 30.11

Dew point..... 25

Humidity, per cent..... 85

Maximum temperature for past 24 hours..... 55

Minimum temperature for past 24 hours..... 35

Rainfall past 24 hours, inches..... 0.00

Total rainfall for season, inches..... 4.71

Weather Forecast.

San Francisco, December 28—Official fore-
 cast for Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and
 Thursday, 27—Northern California. Showers
 tonight and tomorrow; brisk northeast winds;
 snow in the mountains.

LOCAL BREVIETIES.

"Fresno No. 1" (new brand.)

Will make a "New Start."

How did you spend Christmas?

Dorsey & Parker, wood and coal.

This winter seems destined to be
 rainy.

Weddings are all the rage in Fresno
 at the present time.

There has been an agreeable scarcity
 of fires for some time.

Regular meeting of Raisins Chapter
 No. 39, O.E.S., tonight.

Get your meals at the City Bakery
 and Restaurant, 1308 F street.

Pattie & Latt Cigar Co. are still buying
 raisins at highest market price.

What is "Fresno No. 1" The only
 "FANCY FAKER FLOUR" in the market.

A local shoemaker has reduced the
 cost of a "shinny" to a nickel. Times are
 hard.

Dr. Southard, the dentist, will be at
 Dr. Rowell's office Sunday, December 30.

Glimpses of Amorous, No. 1 to 20 in-
 clusive, now ready at The Karmans
 office.

Mountain apples seem to be plentiful
 in this market, but they are not very
 cheap.

Rev. J. H. Collins will go to Tulare
 tomorrow to take part in a church cele-
 bration.

C. H. Riego is showing great quanti-
 tities of Christmas novelties not to be
 found elsewhere.

Number 3 drew first premium; 14th grand
 prize, 2128 third prize, at Norton &
 Schubert's early parties.

Nick Justy has had a slight relapse
 but is improving, and his friends hope
 to see him around again soon.

The members of the Volunteer Fire
 Department will give their 7th annual
 grand masquerade ball on New Year's eve.

The Fresno colony school house and
 the Christian church social hall of this
 city were among the places visited by
 Santa Claus on Christmas night.

Quite a number of the young people
 of this city have concluded to get mar-
 ried between this and New Year, and
 the preachers are happy in anticipation
 of fees.

The Society Danis is preparing to give
 a grand masquerade ball at Athletic Hall
 on Saturday evening next. Full partic-
 ulars concerning the event will be found
 in the "Fresno Post."

The Christmas morning service at the
 Epiphany church was marked by exception-
 ally fine musical features, rendered
 by an augmented choir under the direction
 of Miss Julia Roberts.

Meat as low as 4 or 5 cents a pound at
 the Ideal meat market, 1920 Mariposa
 street. The very best steaks also
 cheaper than ever. Fifty fine fat tur-
 keys dressed to order. Free delivery to
 any part of the city. Tipton & Pugh,
 proprietors.

James S. McGee, a resident of Bel-
 mont, died on Christmas day at the
 residence of his wife in Los Angeles. He
 came to Fresno three years ago in
 hope of bettering his health. He
 leaves a wife and two small children to
 mourn his loss.

Blackster

Sells sugar, cream, lams at 13c,
 shoulder 10c, salt pork, whole sides
 11c, bacon, ham 14c, light medium 12c,
 Everything else very low.

To Send East.

The best thing to send your eastern
 friends—some of our fancy dried fruit
 and raisins. We can supply you in
 any quantity at low prices. Hobbs &
 Parsons.

Cigars. Cigars.

We have on hand about 60,000 cigars,
 consisting of odds and ends, which we
 desire to dispose of and offer same at
 below cost. It would be well to
 see these goods before purchase
 elsewhere, as we can save the 25 per
 cent on all goods. We have cigar from
 15¢ thousand upwards. H. C. Rubin & Son.

"Come in" Jolly

And have some fine friandise and
 a glass of Extra Pale at the Old
 Palm Garden.

Watches, diamonds, jewelry and
 ornaments of all kinds at H. O. Warner's.

Lamps and gas fixtures, large assort-
 ment at Barrett, Hicks & Co.

Beautiful line of silver novelties at H.
 C. Warner's.

The rage—Fresno Perfume, Moline
 Moline and extras at Barrett, Hicks & Co.

F. A. Forn has had practical experi-
 ence in his business since 1893, and
 you have had trouble in getting good
 work done in tanning and planning
 give him a call. All work warranted
 first-class and reasonable charge. F.
 A. Forn & Son, Fresno street, etc.

Bone phosphat at D. E. & Co's.

Penning shears, saws, etc., at Don-
 hon, Emmons & Co's.

Best assortment of heating and cook
 stoves in the Joaquin valley at Barrett,
 Hicks & Co's.

We know of no preparation for the
 hair and scalp that equals Hall's Hair
 Remover.

Eli Henderson pays the highest price
 for county script and coyote claims,
 1050 J street.

THE MAN ABOUT TOWN

Fresno Young Women Plan-
 ning Revenge.

CITY ATTORNEYSHIP GOSSIP
 Rumors of a Change in the Per-
 sonnel of the Trustees.

him, he cannot help feeling that he is
 doing well and in correspondingly elated.
 He may know that the railroad com-
 pany will take all the profit there
 will be in the crop, but as he looks at the
 great fields of golden grain or purple
 fruit, he will be elated, anyway. His
 judgment may tell him that it is a
 time to rejoice, but he will rejoice just the
 same. "I'll try to do it," he will say.
 "I expect that there is something
 in his philosophy."

The resignation of City Attorney Rine-
 ley will soon occur in order to enable
 him to assume the duties of superior
 judge, a position to which he was re-
 cently elected. This will leave the vac-
 ant to be filled by appointment by
 the Board of Trustees. Such positions
 with a salary of \$100 per month, and
 little labor connected with it for the
 next few months, do not go begging
 nowadays. There is plenty of talent
 willing to serve the city in this connection,
 but the merchants rarely have
 the time to go about looking for it.

From among this galaxy of available
 legal lights, the logical conclusion was
 that Stanton L. Carter would be the
 next to be chosen. The plum being awarded as a
 reminder of his party's appreciation of
 his gallant fight in the late campaign in
 which he came so near achieving a brill-
 iant victory. Naturally his claim
 would suggest themselves as superior to
 others for the position, and it would be
 difficult to find a man more worthy of
 the position than Stanton L. Carter. He
 was elected to the Board of Trustees
 in 1892, and has been a member of
 the Board ever since.

Information comes to me that the
 young women of Fresno are considering
 a plan for deep, dark revenge. It is
 regretfully that I tell the story, for it in-
 evitably gives a bad, if false, impression
 of the shape of the heads of our young
 men and leads to the unjustifiable sup-
 position that the merchants rarely have
 to order anything larger than a 6% hat.
 Yet, as the story is told, and as a
 newspaper is but a mirror of public
 opinion and events—well, I am not
 going to break the looking-glass merely
 because it images that I do not like.

The young women say that—if their
 plan is carried into effect—they will
 receive on New Year's Day, but they will
 not receive the young men. Just how
 much the ladies would enjoy themselves
 under such circumstances is a question
 I hope no one will ask.

The plan for this plan of revenge is
 to be a deep-seated dissatisfaction
 which has made its home in the gentle
 creatures' breasts. They say (so the
 story goes) that the young men call
 upon them on many evenings, and they
 receive them with every courtesy and
 feminine kindness. In fact, the hos-
 pitality of their homes is unhesitatingly
 extended to their masculine friends,
 and it is just as unhesitatingly accepted.

But when there is a theater in
 town, and some other establishment in
 town, the young men call upon
 them, and the girls go to the girls' side
 of the schoolroom. The chivalrous follows
 should be blamed for this, but the
 young men are to blame.

A surprise, however, has just been
 sprung, which is no less than a proposi-
 tion that had its rise somewhere within
 the precincts of the board of trustees,
 having for its purpose the resignation of
 Trustee Firman Church, the filling of
 his place by appointment by the board,
 and himself to be appointed to the position
 of city attorney, to be vacated by
 Mr. Rineley.

Mr. Church's term as district attorney
 will be up before June, and with it
 will go his \$300 a month, expires Jan-
 uary 7th, and it is natural that he
 should look about him for something
 which will, in a measure, take its place.
 The salary of city attorney is only one-
 third as much; but in these times when
 a man cannot have a whole loaf in
 his pocket, it may be a good idea to
 take a smaller loaf.

The following questions are pertinent
 at this time:

Should Mr. Church resign from
 the Board of Trustees, to which place
 the people elected him, thereby honoring
 him and thereby saying to their inter-
 ests in adversity as well as prosperity
 that they are to be trusted?

Does he consider that he can serve
 the people any better in city attorney
 than as trustee?

Does he think that he can perform
 the duties of city attorney any more
 effectively than others could?

Or is it the money in the job that
 tempts him to resign and accept?

The MAN ABOUT TOWN.

A Disagreeable Misunderstanding.

J. H. Champ, charged with assault
 and battery, and with a deadly weapon,
 was brought up before Judge Clark and
 sentenced on \$250 bail. It appears that
 the proprietor of the Fresno engraving
 shop was not present, and the occasion
 was nothing but an enjoyable one.
 In every respect, Mr. Champ has
 been a good boy, and he is a good
 boy now.

The Appointment Commanded.

The Times congratulates the people of
 Fresno county upon the appointment of
 Stanton L. Carter as superior judge to
 the court of appeals.

"I hope you'll look on my end and
 take a solemn warning therefrom: Never
 pay debts if you want to prosper.
 You remember what the last Beatitude
 says: Blessed are they who stand off
 their creditors, for great, large, just
 contracts shall be handed out to them."

On horse attached to one buggy, and I've
 had to drag one burro, which is
 something which cannot be described until
 you see it.

And the crowd, that crowd of busy,
 hustling, active, energetic, enterprising
 American citizens—you know how
 we describe ourselves—look to follow
 the man and the horse and the burro
 several blocks, so as to help with their
 advice, for which they did not charge a
 cent. The whole affair constituted one
 of those pretty little incidents which
 show how kindly-hearted man is, and
 how ready to help a brother—with his
 mouth.

Well, what is there unfortunate
 about that?

"Oh, nothing. I took the turkey
 home, and my wife said she believed
 she'd invite in two or three friends to
 help me eat it; so she did."

"That doesn't show that you're un-
 fortunate; it merely proves that a fool
 and his money are soon parted."

"I know; but I drew the turkey, and
 one of the boys offered me six-hits for it.
 It was worth a dollar and a quarter, any-
 way."

"Well, what is there unfortunate
 about that?"

"Oh, nothing. I took the turkey
 home, and my wife said she believed
 she'd invite in two or three friends to
 help me eat it; so she did."

But whether he got the dollar or not,
 I don't know; so I am not quite certain
 who was really the unfortunate man in
 the foregoing absolutely true tale; all I
 know is that it proves that somebody
 was unfortunate.

In the course of a conversation the
 other day an acquaintance of mine gave
 expression to some philosophy which is
 worthy of consideration. He had said
 that the recent rains gave promise of
 good crops; and when somebody asked
 "What does it matter whether crops are
 good or bad, as long as the present
 prices prevail?" And what chance for
 improvement in prices is there with
 Grover Cleveland, representing Wall
 street, and it alone, bits in the Presiden-
 tial election?

"I tell you, sir," was the reply;
 "you may be right in your theory about
 prices, but the condition of the crop makes
 a big difference just the same, where it
 counts—in the farmer's mind."

As he sees the crops developing hand-
 some, though each pound of grain or
 fruit may mean so much more of loss

than the price of the crop itself, he
 will be elated, anyway. His judgment
 may tell him that it is a time to rejoice,
 but he will rejoice just the same.

OUR ORANGE GROVES

Increasing Citrus Products
of Fresno County.

TREES PLANTED BY THOUSANDS

A Thermal Belt Extending From
Merced to Bakersfield—Climate
Advantages.

The orange is comparatively a recent
innovation in Fresno county fruit culture,
but it is safe to say that no industry
of its kind has made such strides within
the county during the past five years as
the cultivation of citrus fruits.

It is true that the local groves are far
from attaining to the development of
those in San Bernardino county, or even
in Tulare and Placer. Certain local
conditions of soil and climate must be
combined to enable the orange and the
lemon to be successfully and profitably
cultivated. Such conditions are found
at Newcastle in Placer county, and in
the vicinity of Porterville in Tulare
county. But it is beginning to be real-
ized that the thermal belt, which at-
tains its widest development in the Tulare
county foothills, extends all the way
from Merced county to Kern, in-
clusive, and is sufficiently wide in Ma-
dona and Fresno counties to allow of
thousands of acres being successfully
planted in orange groves, especially in
sheltered spots on the foothills of Fresno
county. This section is exceptionally
favored in this respect in the neighbor-
hood of Clovis.

It is estimated that there are thou-
sands of acres in the thermal belt of
this county that could be profitably
planted in oranges.

In the Centerville section there are
quite a number of orange groves already
in bearing. Among the owners are
Fulton G. Berry, 60 acres; Captain
Vest, 20 acres; Dr. Hare, Davies, S.
Vine, 20; Mrs. Dunn, 6; W. W. Maxton,
5; Dr. H. C. Jones, 15 acres.

As far up in the higher ground of the
foothills are numbers of orange groves
not yet in bearing. In one single year
20,000 trees have been planted.

Of the trees planted five years ago all
are in full bearing, and some trees have
begun to bear which are only three
years old. One other fact, which is af-
fording unqualified satisfaction to
Fresno county growers, is that young
trees planted two years ago passed
through last winter and never showed
any sign of frost damage.

As far as the citrus prospects appear
that men are now planting out so far in
this valley as seven miles west of Fresno
and nine miles southeast. William G.
Urriage is going to experiment on four
acres about three and a half miles west
of town this year, and a few trees will
be left unprotected to see if they will
stand the frost, it having been claimed
that there are no killing frosts in any section
where oranges will grow.

Oliver Paddock from near Reedley was
in Fresno yesterday.

H. L. Jones of San Francisco is reg-
istered at the Hague.

George F. Church has been com-
missioned a notary public.

Supervisor E. P. Wickerham went to
the bay city this morning.

Oliver Thomas of River Bend was in
the county seat last night.

Thomas Yost came down yesterday
from his farm on Kilkis river.

A. E. Wagstaff of San Francisco is in
Fresno on a visit of a few days.

William More Young is among the
Fresno people in San Francisco.

S. N. Griffith left this morning's
train for the Pacific metropolis.

Captain H. D. Colson went to San
Francisco on this morning's train.

J. R. Hutchinson has been granted
his third patent on a wrapping ma-
chine.

A. K. Funk was among the Sanger
people who visited the county seat yes-
terday.

Asa Kutter went to Hanford on Tues-
day evening and returned yesterday
morning.

Mrs. F. H. French of Modesto is visit-
ing her daughter, Mrs. J. R. Jones, in
this city.

Mrs. Dr. E. B. Cory left on last night's
train for a visit of a few days with relatives
at Crow's Landing.

Mrs. W. H. Hatfield and daughter
Yoda, of Oakland, are visiting Mr. and
Mrs. George L. Hoxie during the holi-
days.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Geissler and chil-
dren have returned to San Francisco
after a visit of several weeks with the
family of W. H. Parsons, who is Mrs.
Geissler's father.

"WAGES OF SIN."

A Clever Performance by Dalley's
Stock Company.

The theater-going public seem to have
realized that we have a company of tal-
ent playing at the Barton worthy of
patronage. A company that has played to
a steady house for twenty-eight con-
secutive weeks in the city of size of
Tulare, certainly ought to be received
in Fresno as a treat.

The fact that it is cut in the usual prices
does not in this instance carry with it
as usual a lower standard of talent.

A good-sized house greeted the second
performance of "A Night Off!" Tuesday
evening, which was given with as much
spirit as was warmly received as on
Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson, the manager
and his wife, are the best of the
local theatricals.

It is evident that the time is near at
hand when the culture of oranges in
this valley will command as much at-
tention as that of raisins. One of the
largest orchards in the state has been put
in at Lindsay in Tulare county, where
some men from San Jose have just
planted between 300 and 400 acres in
that orchard at the cost of \$1,000 an acre.

It is not necessary to go outside the
city limits to see quite a number of fine
orange trees, which at this season are
fairly bending beneath their golden load.
Dr. Hare's garden is in point; so is that
of J. W. Ferguson, one of the pioneers
of orange culture in this county. Dr.
Lynch has a number of fine trees in his
"orangey." Henry Smart, janitor at
the court house, has some fine Washington
oranges at his place on M street. O.
J. Woodward has some oranges in his
garden of such fine quality that speci-
mens are being preserved for exhibi-
tion.

Lemons are not so successfully multi-
plied as oranges in this county, and there
is much to be accomplished in the
way of thinning the rind and improv-
ing the flavor before the product can be-
gin to compare with the imported
article. Still the experiment is only
in the first stage, and the time will surely
come when Fresno county will cease to
import lemons, as it has now ceased to
import oranges. It is stated as a fact
that the product of all the oranges
in this county is not equal to that
of the oranges in the valley, which are
gathered right at home, and small ship-
ments are now being made to other
points. A year ago Fulton G. Berry
sold 5000 oranges, the product of his
own grove, at \$1.25 cents a piece, and as
the southern orange will not come into
the market for three weeks to come, the
local product will be commanding a good
price. Porterville oranges are even now
quoted at \$3 a box, while Fresno county
oranges are being disposed of at a \$1
hundred.

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It is found that the red loam suits the
orange best, but white ash soil will do,
provided that the trees are well watered.
Stable manure is the correct thing, but
must be a well top dressing, and not
worked into the roots of the plant,
otherwise it will burn up the roots dur-
ing the heat of the summer.

The orange shipments by rail from
the Porterville section are now in pro-
gress, but no trains have yet passed
through with any southern orange
brought.

A MARSUPIAL SUPPER.

Postmaster Hedrick Banquets His
Employees.

Six opossums died violent deaths in
order that the employees in the postoffice
might eat and be merry. Postmaster
Hedrick sent east and had a half dozen
of the marsupial denizens of that coun-
try shipped to him, and they were
served on the Christmas board with
complements of sweet-potato and
goblets and fried chicken, with other
things ordinarily entering into a feast.

The supper was given at the postmas-
ter's house, and the post office and
the table. And the feeding were at
an end and the opossums and toads
were contented, the employees present
Mr. Hedrick with a fine cold shad.

A Christmas Dinner.

Night before last Mr. and Mrs. F. P.
Wickerham gave a Christmas dinner
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"WAGES OF SIN."

A Clever Performance by Dalley's
Stock Company.

The theater-going public seem to have
realized that we have a company of tal-
ent playing at the Barton worthy of
patronage. A company that has played to
a steady house for twenty-eight con-
secutive weeks in the city of size of
Tulare, certainly ought to be received
in Fresno as a treat.

The fact that it is cut in the usual prices
does not in this instance carry with it
as usual a lower standard of talent.

A good-sized house greeted the second
performance of "A Night Off!" Tuesday
evening, which was given with as much
spirit as was warmly received as on
Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson, the manager
and his wife, are the best of the
local theatricals.

It is evident that the time is near at
hand when the culture of oranges in
this valley will command as much at-
tention as that of raisins. One of the
largest orchards in the state has been put
in at Lindsay in Tulare county, where
some men from San Jose have just
planted between 300 and 400 acres in
that orchard at the cost of \$1,000 an acre.

It is found that the red loam suits the
orange best, but white ash soil will do,
provided that the trees are well watered.
Stable manure is the correct thing, but
must be a well top dressing, and not
worked into the roots of the plant,
otherwise it will burn up the roots dur-
ing the heat of the summer.

The orange shipments by rail from
the Porterville section are now in pro-
gress, but no trains have yet passed
through with any southern orange
brought.

A MARSUPIAL SUPPER.

Postmaster Hedrick Banquets His
Employees.

Six opossums died violent deaths in
order that the employees in the postoffice
might eat and be merry. Postmaster
Hedrick sent east and had a half dozen
of the marsupial denizens of that coun-
try shipped to him, and they were
served on the Christmas board with
complements of sweet-potato and
goblets and fried chicken, with other
things ordinarily entering into a feast.

The supper was given at the postmas-
ter's house, and the post office and
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Mr. Hedrick with a fine cold shad.

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